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and rather narrower sterile pinnae with strongly crisped margin, and the presence of many appressed hairs on the stipe. Probably the nearest description of the (b. l.) form is that of *P. glabella* by Mettenius and Kuhn; but the writer has not seen the full text of that description. Eaton considers *P. glabella* as a regional form of *P. atropurpurea*. If the (b. l.) form is the same as *P. glabella* it is certainly distinct enough for consideration. If it does not fit that description it is certainly worthy of a place as a form or variety of *P. atropurpurea* and might probably be designated as var. *latifolia* of that species.

Any notes of similar forms found elsewhere or any suggestions as to diagnosis will be very welcome.

BOT. DEP. INDIANA UNIVERSITY,
BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA.

American Fern Society

EAST HARTFORD, CONN., JULY 19, 1914.

To C. H. BISSEL,

President American Fern Society:

The detailed vote on the revision of the Constitution of the American Fern Society is as follows:

Total number of votes cast.....	62
Necessary for adoption.....	42
For.....	60
Against	2

The revised Constitution is therefore adopted.

C. A. WEATHERBY, *Secretary*.

SOUTHINGTON, CONN., JULY 25, 1914.

Acting in accordance with the result of vote as announced by your Secretary, I hereby declare that the revised Constitution, as presented by your committee, Mr. R. A. Ware and Mr. E. J. Winslow, has been regularly adopted and is now the recognized and official Constitution of the American Fern Society.

C. H. BISSELL, *President*.

To the Members:

Your president has had two matters brought to his attention on which it seems desirable to get an expression of the wishes of the members. One is as to whether the Fern Society shall hold a meeting at Philadelphia in connection with the meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Dec. 28th to Jan. 2d; the other is as to whether the Fern Society shall hold a meeting in connection with those to be held by other natural history societies at San Francisco in April next year. It is desirable that your officers should be informed as to whether there would be a probable attendance at such meetings sufficient to justify arranging for them.

Will not all members who think they could attend either of these meetings, if held, send a postal giving the information to the Secretary of the Fern Society, so that your officers may be able to act intelligently.

C. H. BISSELL, President.

George F. Cleveland was killed by electric shock at Miraflores Locks, on the Panama Canal, on May 23, 1914.

Mr. Cleveland was born in Oneonta, N. Y., in 1876. From his earliest boyhood he was deeply interested in the natural sciences, and while at Brown University became a member of the Louis Agassiz Society. He was the possessor of a large collection of Lepidoptera of the United States, and, later, of the Isthmus of Panama. Entomology was always his favorite hobby. About eight years ago he became interested in the study of ferns, and joined the Fern Society.

His last four years were spent in the service of the Isthmian Canal Commission at Porto Bello, Panama, and his life was lost in the service of his country.

THE ANNUAL FIELD MEETING

West Englewood, New Jersey, July 15, 1914.

Owing to the unpropitious weather conditions on the day appointed for the field meeting, the attendance at the actual point of rendezvous was somewhat meagre, although quite a number of members of the Society were in New York.

Pennsylvania alone was represented at West Englewood by one member.

On this member then devolves the pleasant duty of reporting the proceedings for the Society.

The editor of the FERN JOURNAL had made every necessary arrangement for the meeting and had notified the Germantown members and others interested, of the details on the Friday preceding the date of the proposed event. Fitful showers ushered in the week, throughout the whole territory adjacent to New York, and on the eve of the day appointed for the field meeting the rain fell in torrents so that the proposed trip assumed the complexion of an elimination race in which the honors would go to the swift and the battle to the strong.

The member from Pennsylvania left Philadelphia on the 5:25 train, Wednesday morning, arriving at headquarters in New York at eight o'clock, and at the Forty-second Street Ferry at half past eight, five minutes before the appointed time for the departure of the train for the last leg of the journey. No other members were there and on signaling the S. O. S. wireless "Flatbush 668M," established by the editor for the benefit of members, the member from Pennsylvania learned that owing to weather conditions and the non-arrival of members, the trip had been declared "off" for the

day, details being given for the trip of the Torrey Club to Staten Island the day following.

The train for West Englewood was ready, however, and the Pennsylvania member proceeded to that point and opened the meeting a la solitaire. The roll call was then taken up, beginning with the Empire State with its fifty-six members, and no answers being heard Massachusetts providing the treasurer of the Society was polled without response. Then Pennsylvania with its twenty members, third in point of numbers, was called, responding with one resonant "present" that made the welkin ring, or words to that effect. Of course, the proceedings were held entirely in "Soliloquy," the only audible disturbance, the sighing of the humid, ambient air through the antler like foliage of the "Bull Moose hybrid" *Onoclea sensibilis* protruding from the neighboring thicket.

Roll call finished and a quorum "counted," new business was taken up and discussion opened (a la Selkirk, of course) as to the selection of a suitable fern floral emblem for the great Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, an idea suggested by the Germantown Independent Gazette. All fern students present agreed that Pennsylvania, the Keystone State of the arch of the Republic, with its one hundred named species and varieties of ferns should have for its official and eternal floral emblem some member of its interesting fern flora.

W. A. Poyser, in his fern flora of Pennsylvania, says "From the standpoint of the fern student the flora is a most interesting one. The geographical position of the State is such that quite a number of northern species find their southern limit within its borders while some southern forms just pass north of its limits giving it a goodly admixture."

Within the boundaries too of the Keystone State are the type stations of *Asplenium pinnatifidum*, *Isoetes*

riparia, *Nephrodium cristatum* × *Goldieanum* and *Asplenium ebenoides*.

The work of selecting from the checklist of its fern flora the plant most suitable to typify the floral characteristics of the State and foster in the minds of its school children a state pride and patriotism as suggested by House Bill 888 was the question before the meeting. (All this in soliloquy.) What fern then should be chosen? Not *Asplenium pinatifidum*—not *Isoetes riparia*—not *Asplenium ebenoides*—not *Nephrodium cristatum* × *Goldianum*—not any one of these but *all* of them, together with the rich and varied fern flora of American Ferns. “The Fern” simply should be chosen as the emblem. Pennsylvania, Penn’s woods, PENNSYLVANIA! with its

“Rocks and rills; its woods and templed hills”

nominates, appropriate and proclaims as its official floral emblem “The Fern.”

The day was half gone and no other member appearing, the sole representative of the Society was graciously put aboard a returning train by Dr. M. S. Ayres, the village host, and the 1914 field meeting had passed into history. The following belated members were found next day at the “Shore Day” outing of The Torrey Club: Dr. and Mrs. N. L. Britton, Miss Pauline Kaufman, Prof. R. A. Harper, Dr. Marshall A. Howe, Dr. Ralph C. Benedict, Norman Taylor, and the member from Pennsylvania.

GERMANTOWN, PA.

JAMES GRIMSHAW SCOTT.

JULY 18, 1914.

NEW MEMBERS

Laird, J. A., 274 N. Goodman St., Rochester, N. Y.
Leibelsperger, W. H., Fleetwood, Pa.
Marshall, Dr. Ruth, Rockford College, Ill.

CHANGED AND CORRECTED ADDRESSES

Flynn, Mrs. Nellie F., 251 S. Willard St., Burlington, Vt.
Jenney, Hon. Chas. F., Court House, Boston, Mass.
Mansfield, Miss Nellie F., 168 Neal St., Portland, Me.
Mattern, Edwin S., and Walter, 1042 Walnut St., Allentown, Pa.
Moxley, Geo. L., 526 W. Ave. 53, Los Angeles, Cal. (As in
Annual List, changed inadvertently in preceding number.)
Robinson, Miss Winifred J., Women's College of Delaware, New-
ark, Del.
Spalding, Mrs. William, 405 Comstock Ave., Syracuse, N. Y.
Satchwell, Mrs. M. W., 143 West 6th St., Jacksonville, Fla.
Steere, Mrs. Wm. W., 10 Holmfield Ave., Mattapan, Mass.

DECEASED

Cleveland, George F., at Miraflores Locks, Panama, May 23,
Knauff, Mrs. Martha Ryland, at Pensacola, Florida, Dec., 1913.

ADDITIONS TO THE HERBARIUM

Mrs. M. A. Noble, of Inverness, Florida, recently sent a small contribution to the Society Herbarium. The lot included two species of *Asplenium*, *A. firmum*, and *A. myriophyllum*, which were new to the herbarium.

The four-page leaflet accompanying the present number is designed to aid members in advertising the Fern Society and the JOURNAL. A large number were printed and members who know of people to whom they might be of interest are urged to send to Mr. Winslow for as many as may be needed, or to send him addresses to which it would be worth while to send copies of the leaflet or sample copies of the JOURNAL.

NOTICE TO DELINQUENT MEMBERS.

The attention of the members is called to the provision of the new Constitution as to delinquent members. The Council will feel obliged to enforce the rules and this is the last number of the JOURNAL which will be sent to members who are too far in arrears.

C. H. BISSELL, *President*.

The election of new officers this year will be the first to be held under the new Constitution. It is to be hoped that a large number of members may avail themselves of the opportunity of voting.

Notice should be taken of the change in price of back numbers indicated on the second page of the cover. The need of increasing the price brings realization of the fact that the JOURNAL is now in its fifth year of publication, the first number having been issued in August, 1910. With another number the fourth volume will be completed. It may be of interest to note that the copy for this number is entirely assured, the greater part of it being already in galley proof. It was most desirable to keep the present number within the space of twenty-four or twenty-eight pages in order to complete the year entirely on the income at present absolutely assured. But it proved difficult to cut the present number, so the paring will have to fall on the last number for the year, unless some generous member is moved to send the treasurer a money order (check will probably be accepted) to cover any deficit caused by last number. If only the delinquents referred to in the paragraph above would meet their obligations, we could issue not

merely a thirty-two page number but forty-eight or more.

The editor regrets that the present number of the JOURNAL has been delayed past the end of the quarter in which it was scheduled to appear, especially as this is probably the first time such delay has occurred. Responsibility for the delay does not, however, rest with him, nor can it fairly be assigned to any other single individual or agency. It was the result of a number of slight delays due to different causes, and all of them more or less excusable of themselves. We trust no apology may be necessary with the next issue.

WANTED—I will pay 10 cents per sheet for any North American pteridophytes not now in my collection, or will exchange. List of desiderata sent upon application.—L. S. HOPKINS, 525 E. Main St., Kent, Ohio.